

named an Academic All American, New York State Public High School Athletic Association Women's Swim-Dive Scholar-Athlete of the Year and Half Hollow Hills High School East Female Scholar-Athlete of the Class of 2004. She has also received the Citibank/News 12 Scholar-Athlete Award and the 2004 Scholar-Athlete Milk Moustache of the Year Award.

This fall, Ms. Rudofsky will attend Princeton University, where she will be a member of the diving team. I congratulate her on her many achievements and am confident that she will have continued success in the future.

#### CONGRATULATING JUSTIN GATLIN ON WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN THE ATHENS OLYMPICS

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 9, 2004*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize one of the finest U.S. sprinters, Justin Gatlin, a 2004 Olympic gold medalist from Pensacola, Florida. As the youngest track and field champion in 36 years, twenty-two year old Gatlin won the gold medal in the men's 100 meters at the 2004 Olympic games in Athens, making him the "Fastest Man in the World."

As soon as the gun went off, he surged immediately to the lead. Never relinquishing his advantage, he finished in a personal-best, world-leading time of 9.85 seconds. After winning the gold he said, "It was going to be the most exciting race in the world, and it was. This is what I train for, that's why I shoveled the snow off North Carolina tracks. That's why I'm here. I'm here to win the gold medal."

Not only did he leave with a gold medal, but also took home a silver and a bronze in the men's relay and 200 meters, respectively.

Returning home as an Olympic medalist, it is Gatlin's self-composure and attitude that set him apart from the rest. "I want to show that nice guys can finish first. I feel that I'm likable. I feel that I'm honest. I go out there and give a good race for the crowd." Gatlin did more than just give a good race. He gave a superb race and is a shining example for all to follow in not only the first district of Florida, but around the world.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate Justin Gatlin on his Olympic victories and thank him for representing Pensacola to the world in such a first-class manner.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHEVRONTExACO AND THEIR EMPLOYEES LO- CATED IN CALIFORNIA'S 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#### HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 9, 2004*

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise to honor and congratulate ChevronTexaco and their employees located in California's 11th Congressional district on ChevronTexaco's 125th Anniversary.

Tomorrow marks the 125th anniversary of the merger of California Star Oil Works and

Pacific Coast Oil Co., which formed ChevronTexaco's oldest predecessor. ChevronTexaco's history is a story of great progress and innovation spread over dozens of companies that have come together over the last 125 years to become the ChevronTexaco family.

Over 100 years ago, a converted farmhouse and 80 employees in a rural area not far from San Francisco started handling 10,000 barrels of oil a day. Today, with bustling metropolitan communities surrounding the refinery, 1,300 employees move 240,000 barrels of oil per day.

ChevronTexaco is one of the world's largest integrated energy companies. They are involved in every aspect of the energy industry, from oil and gas exploration and production to transportation, refining and retail marketing, as well as chemical manufacturing and sales and power production.

Active in more than 180 countries, ChevronTexaco employs more than 50,000 people worldwide and about 9,000 in California alone. Over 4,000 of those employees are in San Ramon, the world headquarters for the company.

ChevronTexaco's vision—to be the global energy company most admired for its people, partnership and performance—runs throughout the combined history of all the great companies that today form ChevronTexaco.

The work undertaken by the many generations of ChevronTexaco has made a tremendous and positive impact on the lives of people around the world. I commend and congratulate ChevronTexaco on this very important milestone.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARY GRACE RAMEY

#### HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 9, 2004*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, on July 23, 2004, McMinn County, Tennessee lost one of its sports legends. Mary Grace Ramey served as a teacher and cheerleading coach for McMinn Central High School since it opened in 1966. She was 73 years old.

Mrs. Ramey touched the lives of hundreds of cheerleaders and thousands of students who passed through the halls of McMinn Central High School. Her colleagues said she was always positive and cared deeply about her students.

Mrs. Ramey, a mother of one and grandmother of three, will be missed by all those who knew her.

I would like to call this Daily Post-Athenian article from July 26, 2004, on Mary Ramey to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

[From the Daily Post-Athenian, July 26, 2004]

RAMEY LOSS LEAVES HOLE IN THE CENTRAL FAMILY FABRIC

(By Jack Slayton)

She never hit a home run, sank a clutch basket, or scored a touchdown, but McMinn County was stunned by the loss of a sports legend in her own right this past Friday.

Teacher and cheerleading sponsor Mary Grace Ramey passed away at Chattanooga's Erlanger Medical Center on Friday.

Ramey, who taught Family and Consumer Sciences, was discovered behind the school on Friday, July 16, by two students where she had either accidentally fallen or suffered a seizure and struck her head, suffering a concussion.

Ramey (age 73) had shown some improvement and had been moved from the intensive care unit to a private room before her sudden passing Friday.

"Mary Grace," as I had known her over the past 30 years, had been a teacher for more than half a century and the cheerleading sponsor at Central High School since the doors opened in the 1996-97 school year.

"It's a sad day at Central High School," said Principal Roger Freeman of the last remaining member of the original staff at the school. "She was a legend—an icon of what everybody should aspire to be as both a person and a teacher. She was dedicated to her profession and students, always prepared and way ahead of the game."

Ramey touched the lives of hundreds of cheerleaders and countless thousands of students who passed through her classroom over the past 51 years.

"I don't know of anyone who didn't like Mary Grace—she was always so positive and cared deeply about her students," Freeman said. "It will be difficult, no impossible, to replace her. People like Mary Grace are rare."

Rare, indeed. In a day and time where most people can't wait to call it quits, Mary Grace never discussed retirement, despite being well beyond the required age and with her lengthy years of service.

She had returned earlier in the week from a stay in Knoxville where her latest batch of cheerleaders had attended a camp at the University of Tennessee.

She loved what she did and continued to serve the students of Central with a level of excellence and commitment equally rare today.

I would more often as not run into Mary Grace and husband, Jack, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, going into games at Central or on the road—it seemed we always arrived at about the same time.

She always had a smile and chipper attitude as we exchanged pleasantries walking into the gym or stadium together.

I recall one time several years ago at a basketball game, with the skies threatening, Mary Grace asked me if I thought it was going to snow.

"Not a chance," I said.

Of course, it did and we faced a slippery ride home that night. She never let me forget it.

From that time on, regardless of the conditions, Mary Grace would look at me with that wry smile of hers and asked me if I thought it was going to snow.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. tonight and funeral services will follow with Bordwine Funeral Home in charge of arrangements (see Page 2 for complete obituary information).

Friends and family will gather at Sunrise Cemetery in Englewood at 11 a.m. Tuesday for the burial service.

And no, Mary Grace, I don't think it will snow.

#### HONORING OCEAN MIST FARMS

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 9, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I am able to rise to